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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR POLICY DEVELOPMENT

THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT:

International Energy Security Group (U)

Last spring the President established the high level group on East-West credits which included as a secondary objective "encouraging the Allied governments to join with us in an effort to limit European energy dependence on the Soviet Union." Following the credits initiative, the Chairman, Jim Buckley, focused the Group on the energy part of the mandate and these deliberations have provided useful insight into domestic and international strategies to reduce European reliance on Soviet energy. (C)

Given the importance of international energy security to this Administration, I recommend that the Presidential mandate of the Alternative Energy Group be extended and its scope broadened to include responsibility for all non-nuclear international energy policy and security issues, including those involving the International Energy Agency. The primary focus of the Group should remain on evaluating alternatives to Soviet energy, but given the close linkage of this to other international energy issues, including oil security, a broader perspective is necessary. (C)

The Group should be composed of senior representatives from State, Treasury, Defense, Commerce, Interior, Energy, CIA, OMB, OPD and NSC. (U)

Given that the Secretary of State has "primary authority for the conduct of foreign policy relating to energy, pursuant to policy guidelines established by the President" (Department of Energy Organization Act), it is appropriate that the State Department chair the Group at the Under Secretary level. NSC staff, in close

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coordination with State, should continue to coordinate the staff working group on alternative energy and assist the Chairman in other executive secretarial duties. Decisions in the international energy area taken by lower level working groups and IGs, including the International Energy Policy IG and the IG on International Energy R&D Cooperation, should be regularly summarized for the High Level Group to ensure consistent policy making by the Administration at all levels. (C)

I urge the International Energy Security Group to make full use of the SIG-IEP and NSC channels for regular reporting to Cabinet members on key international energy policy matters. (U)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

William P. Clark

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